

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm. Selectmen present were James McIlroy, Janet Smith and Roberta Gerkin. Others present were Reuben Hull, Denis Sharp, Chief Reed, Water Commissioners Ray Buxton, Vern Glass and Cathy Nelson, Cemetery Trustees Jed Rumford, Bill Dawson and Terry Maisey, Library Trustees Rob MacPherson and Karen Lynch, Trustee of the Trust Fund Ray Trueman, Terry Knowles and Wendy Chase.

Denis Sharp's driveway application was discussed. The Selectmen requested Reuben's input on the subject. Reuben stated that the proposed access management regulations state that *no more than one driveway shall be permitted per parcel or per contiguously-owned parcels*. The proposed Access Management Regulations will be voted on at the March town elections. If the regulations pass they will be in effect retroactively from July 21, 2005.

The Selectmen did a site walk on the property. After discussing alternative options the Board decided not to override Road Agent Brian Knipstein's denial for the Sharp driveway application. Roberta made a motion to deny the appeal for an additional driveway located at 33 Pleasant Street, Janet seconded and all were in favor. The Selectmen informed Denis Sharp of their decision. Janet explained that there were not enough compelling reasons to override Brian's decision. The Board agreed that Denis has other options for another parking space on that lot such as widening the existing driveway or gaining access through the rear lot.

A proposal from Ray Buxton to refurbish the bell cover at Badger Park was reviewed. The Board agreed to accept Ray's proposal. Ray estimated the work to be done before the end of this year.

The Water Commissioners came before the Board to discuss the proposed salt shed easement. The Board explained to the Water Commissioners that the easement would be in effect forever. The Water Commissioners suggested the following language be added to the proposed easement:

- If the easement area is left in an unkempt state the land is automatically reverted back to the Water & Sewer Village District.
- Town owned equipment only to be stored at the site or seasonable equipment stored only during the winter months that coincide with the parking ban months of November to April.
- No hazardous material to be stored at the site.

The Water & Sewer Department is in the process of replacing the existing gate around the Sewer Treatment Plant. It was discussed and decided that an additional gate is not needed if we continue to hold the spring and fall cleanups behind the existing gates.

James explained that he spoke to Insurance Agent Lynne Sweet and she explained that if a liable incident occurs within the easement it would be covered under the town policy and if it happens on the Water & Sewer Village District property it would be covered under their policy.

Vern and Ray thought the salt shed is in need of repair.

Ray would like to add language in regards to the town plowing the Water & Sewer Village District properties. James suggested a separate agreement be drawn up for plowing.

James made a motion to approve the minutes of September 27, 2005, Janet seconded. The motion carried.

The Selectmen moved the meeting upstairs at 7:00pm to accommodate the number of people there to discuss Town Trustees responsibilities. Terry Knowles, registra of the Department of Attorney General Charitable Trusts Unit, was there to inform the Trustees and the Board of Selectmen of the different Trustees responsibilities.

Terry briefly went over the laws of the Cemetery Trustees, Library Trustees and Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Selling of Library antiques was discussed and Terry explained that it is legal to sell contents willed to the Library but the Library Trustees must go through Probate Court to be decided by a Judge.

Library Trustee Rob MacPherson wanted it stated for the record that the Library did sell a couple of items that were moldy and broken and the proceeds will go towards the restoration of other items in the Library. The Library has no intention of selling anything else.

Terry explained that liability insurance is very costly on priceless antiques. Towns sell such items and use the proceeds to purchase or refurbish something for the Library.

Terry also explained that the Selectmen can not control the way the Library Trustees spend their trust fund money.

Barbara Byrne discussed the many Historical and Conservation files that need to be stored. She would like to see these records stored in a location where people were welcome to come and do genealogy research. Rob informed her that a room at the Library is designated for those records.

The meeting resumed downstairs after the Trustees left.

James made a motion to approve the legal bill from Fran Lane regarding services rendered on the Piscassic Greenway. Wendy will give it to the Conservation Commission for their approval.

Brian Hart was in to discuss the proposed Piscassic Greenway easement.

James made a motion to pursue the second application for the DES grant through the help of TPL, Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

James made a motion to go into non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(d), Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

The Board came out of non public at 8:50pm. No action was taken.

The Selectmen signed the revised MS-1 form.

Chief Reed informed the Board that Amy Sununu discussed the Christmas Celebration with him. She would like to know if the Road can be closed for the hay rides. She will come before the Board for a decision.

Trick or Treat is scheduled for Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm.

Chief Reed informed the Board that Nextel has a Government plan that the town employees may use. A 10% discount on the cell phone plan with a reduced rate on the purchase of a new phone.

Chief Reed spoke to Brian about the front of the Community Church where water pools up. Brian will look into it.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:10pm and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase